

1-1 By: Guillen, Lozano (Senate Sponsor - Eltife) H.B. No. 597
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 4, 2013;
 1-3 April 9, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Agriculture, Rural Affairs, and Homeland Security; May 2, 2013,
 1-5 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 2, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			

1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to boater education and examinations on preventing the
 1-17 spread of exotic harmful or potentially harmful aquatic plants,
 1-18 fish, and shellfish.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 31.108, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-21 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-22 (a-1) A boater education course or equivalency examination
 1-23 under this section must include information on how to prevent the
 1-24 spread of exotic harmful or potentially harmful aquatic plants,
 1-25 fish, and shellfish, including department-approved methods for
 1-26 cleaning:

- 1-27 (1) a boat;
- 1-28 (2) a boat's motor;
- 1-29 (3) fishing and other equipment; and
- 1-30 (4) a boat trailer.

1-31 SECTION 2. The Parks and Wildlife Department boater
 1-32 education courses and equivalency examinations must include
 1-33 information on how to prevent the spread of exotic harmful or
 1-34 potentially harmful aquatic plants, fish, and shellfish as required
 1-35 by Section 31.108(a-1), Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this
 1-36 Act, on or before January 1, 2014.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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